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SUBJECT: DANISH GOVERNMENTS HOPES TO RENEW AID TO ANGOLA

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SUMMARY: DANISH GOVERNMENT VOICES DESIRE TO RENEW ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA. OPPOSITON POLITICIAN ARGUED AGAINST RENEWAL OF AID AT THIS TIME. PRESS OPINION IS SPLIT ON AID TO ANGOLA AND UNANIMOUSLY CRITICAL OF FRENCH UNILATERLA ACTION BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO PRESS CRITICISM OF RECOGNITION ACT ITSELF. END SUMMARY.

1) FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN, WHEN HE ANNOUNCED DANISH RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT DAISH ASSISTANCE TO THE MPLA COULD BE RENEWED QUICKLY, NOT ONLY IN HUMANITARIAN BUT ALSO IN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL AREAS.

2) LIBERAL PARLIAMENTARIAN AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER OVE GULDBERG EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE RENEWAL OF DANISH ASSISTANCE TO THE MPLA AT THIS TIME, COMMENTING THAT THE POSSBILITY OF A GUERILLA WAR EXISTED IN ANGOLA AND THAT DANISH AID SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE A FACTOR IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

3) SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC NEWSPAPER AKTUELT IN AN EDITORIAL COMMENT FAVORED HOLDING OFF RENEWAL OF DANISH ASSISTANCE TO THE MPLA UNTIL THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA BECOMES CLEARER, BUT LEFTIST INTELLECTUAL DAILY INFORMATION POOH-POOHED GULDBERG'S POSITON AND PONTED UP ANGOLA'S GREAT NEED FOR HELP FOLLOWING CIVIL WAR.

4) ALL EDITORIAL COMMENT LAMENTED FRANCE'S SOLO RECOGNITION ACT. SPECULATION RE FRENCH MOTIVES RANGED FROM COMMENT THAT ACTION WAS TAKEN TO BALANCE FRENCH ARMS DELIVERIES TO SOUTH AFRICA TO FRENCH DESIRE TO SHOW FLEXIBILITY AFTER HAVING INTIALLY SUPPORTED FNLA

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